

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated June 1, 2007.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

In response to the Examiner's maintained rejection of obviousness, the Applicant has made substantial amendments to the claims to reflect more closely the preferred embodiment of the present invention.

In particular, claim 1 now explicitly specifies that:

a page description corresponding to the printed form is maintained in the computer system;

the coded data is indicative of *inter alia* a plurality of locations on the form;

the sensing device is an optically imaging pen;

the indicating data is indicative of a position of a nib of the pen;

the parameter relating to the bill transaction is identified using the position of the nib and the retrieved page description.

Claim 29 has been amended so as to mirror the scope of claim 1.

Claims 4-7, 24, 32-35, 46 and 49-65 are hereby cancelled.

The Applicant submits that the present invention is not obvious in view of the combined teachings of Powar and Wilz.

In the recent Office Action, the Examiner argued that Powar discloses a sensing device which senses coded data on a printed form and uses this coded data to generate indicating data indicative of the position of the sensing device. Whilst the Applicant contests the Examiner's assertion, the above-mentioned amendments to the claims have been made in deference to the Examiner's rejections.

In the Applicant's submission, Powar lacks the features identified above, which are now explicitly specified in claim 1. The Applicant's claimed method culminates in identifying the parameter relating to the bill transaction using the position of the nib and the retrieved page description. By contrast, Powar contains no teaching of using the position of a nib to identify a parameter relating to a bill transaction. Powar swipes a barcode or magnetic strip as a means of identifying bill information. Powar's scanner lacks a nib and Powar fails to suggest using a nib position to identify bill information.

Wilz merely teaches the use of barcodes to interact with the internet. The combination of Wilz and Powar would not, in the Applicant's submission, enable the skilled person to arrive at the present invention. Several of the features now specified in claim 1 cannot be found in either of Powar or Wilz. Irrespective of whether or not there was motivation to combine Powar and Wilz, neither of these documents suggests to the skilled person the idea of using the position of a pen nib to identify a bill transaction by marrying this nib position with a page description maintained in a computer system. Both Powar and Wilz rely on barcode scanning, which is conceptually very different from what is claimed in the present application.

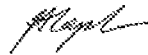
Specification

The Applicant has amended page 1 of the specification by deleting the paragraphs entitled "Co-pending applications" and replacing them with new updated paragraphs. The US application numbers have merely been replaced by their corresponding US grant numbers, where applicable. The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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